Open House Florida Ave & New York Ave NE Intersection Project **Monday, April 29, 2019** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 1200 First Street, NE

https://ddot.dc.gov/page/florida-avenue-ne-streetscape



Existing Condition





Project Timeline

2013 - 2015

•Florida
Avenue
Multimodal
Transportation
Study
analyzes the
Intersection
and the
Florida
Avenue
streetscape
from 2nd Street
to H Street NE

2015

•DDOT implements short-term improvements related to bus movements, signal timing, and signage

2016 - 2017

- •Study to refine long-term options for Intersection; vetting of six concept options
- •NEPA CE and Preliminary (30%) Design complete for Florida Ave from 2nd Street to H Street NE

2018 – Fall 2019

- •NEPA CE for Preferred Concept for Intersection (anticipated June 2019)
- •Right-of-way appraisal process to prepare for acquisition of property and relocation of tenant
- •From Concept (15%) to Preliminary Design (30%)

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Fall 2019 -

Final Design

Intersection

and Florida

Street to H

Street NE

Ave from 2nd

(30% - 100%)

Fall 2020

for

Construction Procurement Spring 2021

– Summer 2022

Construction

Tonight's meeting will directly inform the environmental review. DDOT will continue public engagement throughout the project.

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Environmental Review

Purpose and Need of the Project

The purpose of this project is to improve safety for all roadway users, particularly the most vulnerable (i.e., pedestrians and bicyclists), while maintaining mobility for all modes within and through the project area.

The existing conditions in the project area contribute to the volume of pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular crashes.

- ➤ The configuration of the streets presents a combination of unusual geometry, turning movements, and closely spaced intersections.
- Wayfinding is challenging for drivers due to the need to navigate multiple intersections and pre-position for upcoming turns. Improper lane use and lane changing occurs at nearly every traffic signal cycle at some locations.
- There is a lack of dedicated bicycle lanes through the project area which creates unclear connections between Eckington and NoMa communities.
- ➤ **Pedestrian facilities** are not all compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to address specialized needs of residents and students associated with the nearby Gallaudet University.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DDOT is preparing a documented Categorical Exclusion (CE) for this project. This report will analyze the anticipated impacts from constructing the proposed project prior to attaining approval. Key resources important to this analysis are:

- Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Historic Resources
- Social Impacts and Environmental Justice
- Right of Way
- Construction Impacts

This document must be approved by FHWA prior to DDOT initiating final design.



Proposed Intersection Design

- > Reduces the number of intersections from five (current) to three:
 - Realigns First Street to intersect with Florida Avenue at Eckington Place NE.
 - Closes O Street NE between New York Avenue and Florida Avenue for through traffic.
- Converts Florida Avenue to a two-way street.
- ➤ Adds dedicated turning lanes to New York Avenue and Florida Avenue.
- ➤ Improves bicycle facilities:
 - Replaces the current shared bicycle lane on 1st Street NE with a two-way cycle track on 1st Street NE.
 - Adds a two-way cycletrack along the south side of New York Avenue from 1st
 Street NE to meet a planned cycletrack on Florida Avenue NE.
- Requires acquisition of the property at the center of the intersection and relocation of the tenant (Wendy's).
- Creates three open space areas to enhance the intersection and create new, green public spaces.







